The path to organic certification can be long ...

Institutional framework

Quality infrastructure

Steps

- Choose an organic standard and a certification body
- Implement administrative and technical measures that are organic
 - Field history review
 - Review of crop plans
 - Establish or review farm plan
- Undergo inspection & report review

What is needed

- Awareness
- Information (requirements and processes)
- Training (administrative and technical)
- Implementation assistance
- Financial support (adoption, transition and fees)
- Matching to buyers and other sales support
- Analysis

...with (successive) obstacles along the way

Measures that support organic agriculture come in all shapes and forms ...

Private

Government

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- Training (administrative and technical)
- Implementation assistance
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Analysis

- Focused on:
 - organic or other related issues
 - specific sectors or general reach
 - specific regions or national reach
- Directed at:
 - producers, SMEs, cooperatives, exporters
 - government officials/agencies
 - actors in the quality infrastructure ecosystem
- Integrated approach or specialized in one aspect of the process

...with great potential for synergies, complementarities but also redundancies

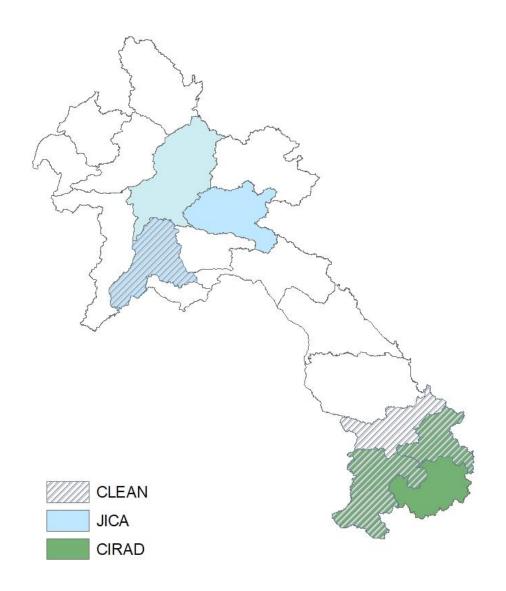
Synergies also come in all shapes and forms ...

E.g.:

 UN Perception Assessment Toolkit (coffee, Bolaven Plateau) and CIRAD projects in the area

• UN Trade Cluster – SECO (multiple agencies coordinating)

• Helvetas Biotrade – process similarities



Discussion

- Potential for/experience with synergies
- Usefulness of centralized cataloguing of projects
- Need for a horizontal network of agencies that support (organic) agriculture
- Under what framework? (LOMA?)